

I guess Verizon will just have you assume that Covad signing Verizon's largest wholesale ISP customer to a partnership, AOL Time Warner, has no impact on their decision. Or the fact that Covad signing consumer linesharing deals with the following long distance CLEC's this past year had no influence on their decision either.

- ❑ AT&T Consumer
- ❑ MCI Consumer
- ❑ Sprint Consumer

The "so-called" Tom Tauke plan who had the support from 1 FCC commissioner and two who seem more worried about their job or a media agenda is very touching.

But in the end Verizon could care less about the **consumers** whose rates are going to increase because of the Triennial Review WHY???? Because they aren't their customers!!! From their response they could care less about those consumers. These customers are just the .3% minority. But ask yourself this? If that is the case, a mere .3% minority. "Why are they so concerned?" It should be insignificant to them. Why punish these consumers?

But it is absolutely your job, the FCC, who must lookout for those consumers. I don't care if it is 5%, 1%, .005%, or 1 consumer in America! It is your job to look out for that one consumer! The one customer who bought into your previous FCC Commissions belief that facilities based competition was the way to go. I guess they made the mistake to believe in a past FCC vision. Much like the consumers today who you expect to buy into your current Triennial Review vision.

Covad and Verizon can fight all they want. But make NO MISTAKE. It was the current broadband consumer who relies on linesharing who lost out in your triennial review. They are the ones who are going to suffer. Verizon I guess suffers .3% in this decision. Covad has no choice now but to have other plans. But the current broadband consumer whose bill is going to increase to a FULL LOOP COST isn't your concern.... I say it is..... YES, they are the ones who have been chosen to suffer. They are the ones who Verizon says its now ok to ignore. I guess some on this FCC commission get free DSL. Or maybe you just get cable. But make for absolute certain; you as a consumer, do not have linesharing DSL or they would have never eliminated this UNE!

I sincerely hope this triennial review decision gets thrown out in court faster than you can try and write the rules. It doesn't help the consumer. You have to be an idiot to think that this decision helps the consumer. So far only 3 individuals have voted this way. It flies in the face of the Telecom Act of 1996. But fortunately this country was built on more than the beliefs of 1 individual (plus 2 horse traders). We shall see. FCC Commissioners come and go. (Adelstein, you better have gotten that re-nomination recommendation in writing; and Copps, well you've seen where your Media horse trade has gotten you). Oh, yes. times they are a changing!

But consumers, we are here 100% of the time. Look out for us. Protect us. Too often it seems you have forgotten us. But I guarantee you that we wont forget you!

Sincerely,

Jeff Bower